



October 1, 2021

# First Word

## “Did You Know...?” from Pastor Cody



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Did you know... that we have a curated list of spiritual growth resources on our website? The Spiritual Journey page has resources to equip people live fulfilling and meaningful lives by following Jesus Christ.

We have sections for people who...

- want to grow closer to God
- want to discover my purpose in life
- want to serve others in a way that energizes me (instead of draining me)
- want to find friends who can help me along my spiritual journey



We also have a whole page (with a training video) about using the Life Journal reading plan as the basis for your devotions. You can download the whole year's worth of readings on that page if you want it. If that reading plan doesn't work for you, there are five other recommendations for daily email devotionals that show up in your inbox. If you want to take up my challenge to recommit to your spiritual roots this Fall, take a look at the Spiritual Journey page on our website!

[littletonpresbyterian.org/spiritual-journey](http://littletonpresbyterian.org/spiritual-journey)

In Christ's Service Together, Pastor Cody

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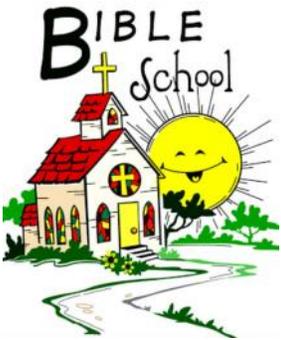
## **SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY SUNDAY**

### **VOLUNTEER SHEPHERDS NEEDED!!!**

We want YOU to use the special gifts and talents the Lord has given you to encourage, support and bless the FPCL children! Sign up to serve as a Sunday School Teacher or a Shepherd this Fall and help our children explore, reflect and apply the teachings from the Bible! If you're looking for a way to use your spiritual gifts and make a difference in the life of a child, kindly sign up by contacting Melissa Moore-Winslow at [children@fpcl.org](mailto:children@fpcl.org), or sign up in person in Chandler Hall! We know the gift of your love, encouragement and support will bless the children here at FPCL! *Please note that we will be requiring masks indoors for all children over two (2) years of age, as well as for the teachers and volunteers working with the children.*



### **MODIFIED CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME**



Just a reminder Children's Sunday School will be held between **9:00AM-9:45AM**, during Adult Sunday School. Immediately following the Adult Sunday School, you can pick up your children from the Sunday School room and join us for the worship service at 10:00AM. During the worship service, children will be invited up to participate in the service with the Sunday School Teacher. Afterwards they will be invited to join the Teacher/Shepherd for the rest of worship in the last row of the Sanctuary for a quiet activity. At this time, children are also free to return to their families for the duration of the service. **Please note that we will be requiring masks indoors for all children over two (2) years of age, as well as for the teachers and volunteers working with the children.** If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Moore-Winslow at [children@fpcl.org](mailto:children@fpcl.org).

# FPCL CHILDREN'S BACKYARD CARNIVAL



Come one, come all to FPCL's *free* Fall 2021 Backyard Children's Carnival on **Saturday, October 9, 2021 [1:00PM-3:00PM]!** Please spread the word to the children you know and come join and support our children in a day of fun, fellowship, games, Bible stories, snacks and prizes! Some of the games will be used to teach and reinforce the Parables of Jesus! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [children@fpcl.org](mailto:children@fpcl.org) with your name and the number of children that will be attending.

For anyone who is interested in **donating** to this event, the Children's Ministry is hoping to collect 50 green apples, 9 packages of 14 oz. individually-wrapped caramels and 50 popsicle sticks so that the children can enjoy a delicious caramel apple! Containers for the donations will be set in Chandler Hall on **Sunday, September 19th through September 29th**. If you would like to know more and/or are interested in **volunteering at the event** or in **donating**, please contact Melissa Moore-Winslow at [children@fpcl.org](mailto:children@fpcl.org). With your love, support, time and energy, I know together we can make this a very special event that will bless our FPCL children and invest in their spiritual growth!



## Operation Christmas Child is Underway!

The Mission Committee launched Operation Christmas Child (OCC), a project of Samaritan's Purse, on Sunday, September 12th. Thirty shoe boxes were handed out and we are already more than half way to reaching our goal of packing 50 shoe boxes for this important mission project! The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. This is not about passing out toys – your shoe box gift is often the first and only gift a child

receives, and it opens the door for the gospel to be shared with these children in far corners of the world.

When you pack a shoe box for a child, Samaritan's Purse adds The Greatest Gift booklet in their local language to each box. After receiving your gifts of love and hearing about Jesus for the first time, the children are then invited to attend a 12 week discipleship class where they learn Scriptures, Bible stories, and grow in their faith.



FELISHA (PICTURED AT AGE 17, NOW 25) AND HER ENTIRE FAMILY ACCEPTED JESUS CHRIST AND WORKED TO PLANT A CHURCH IN THEIR TOWN.

The children then often share what they have learned at home with their families and friends, multiplying faith in families and communities. Lives are transformed and new churches are planted.

### "It Changed My Life"

One Christmas, an 8-year-old girl named Felisha on the island of Trinidad received a shoebox gift packed with a doll, stationery, colorful socks, and a teddy bear.

"I didn't know anything about Jesus because I had never been to church before, so I was really curious," Felisha said.

As a result of her shoebox gift, she began attending church in a neighboring village with a friend. When her sister received a shoebox gift a following year, her father said, "I was amazed at the love I saw in those boxes."

Since then, each member of their family has accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Together, they worked to plant a church in their hometown—aptly named Hardbargain. Felisha knows that her shoebox was more than a collection of toys and useful items: "It made me learn about God, it helped start this church, and it changed my life." Felisha is among countless children whose lives have been changed forever through the power of God's love, demonstrated through simple gifts.

## So what are the benefits to our church?

- OCC gives each of us the opportunity to be disciples at a global level – to support the mission of serving globally – without the cost or risk of traveling in a pandemic.
- OCC emphasizes the power of prayer – as we ask you to pray for the child receiving your shoe box gift to open their hearts to hearing the gospel.
- This project also enables us to unite the age groups in our church by encouraging children, youth, and adults of all ages to participate together and have fun packing shoe box gifts.

It also teaches children about giving.

Just a few reminders as you shop and pack:

- Please remember to include a "Wow" item in your box, such as a stuffed animal (larger than beanie babies please), a doll, a sports ball with a pump, or a dress or nice top to wear. Reference your gift suggestion list for your child's age group to get ideas for school supplies, personal care and hygiene items, toys, and arts and crafts. Also please reference the list of items that are not allowed to be shipped in the boxes.
- Remember to include a personal note or letter and/or photo for your child in their shoe box.
- A \$9 donation is requested per box to help pay for the cost of physically transporting the boxes and for the training materials included by Samaritan's Purse. Most of these boxes are transported by air, ship, canoes, camels, donkeys, and other modes to reach the unreachable! Checks can be made to FPCL and please note OCC on the memo line.

Boxes are due back to FPCL no later than **Sunday, November 14th**. Please be sure to turn in your packed box to one of the Mission Committee members so we can help you set up tracking your box. One of us will be available in Chandler Hall each **Sunday** to receive packed boxes, your \$9 donations, answer your questions, and help you as needed.

***"Let the little children come to me...for of such is the kingdom of God" Luke 18:16***

Thank you for your generosity!  
The Mission Committee



### **Elders**

Christi Kamath, Clerk of Session	Sue Chandler	Bob Chapman	Bill Frear
Julie Johnston	Lynda Kizer	Mary Lareau	Michaela Wilson
Charles Kellogg, Treasurer	Rick Wilson, Presbytery Commissioner		
Kathy McDaniel, Presbytery Commissioner			

### **Deacons**

Kathy McDaniel	Margaret Ansted	Cheri Blanchard	Joy Carreno	John Wilson
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### **Stewards**

Julie Johnston	Marilyn Osterhoff	Barb Smart	Blakeley Winslow
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## *The Deacon Chronicles*

**We would like to thank everyone who helped serve the ice cream at the August concert and for helping set up and serve cake to welcome Pastor Cody back from his sabbatical. Also many thanks to everyone who helped with memorial service receptions this summer.**

**We are continuing to send out copies of each Sunday's bulletins and sermons to the members who are homebound. If we have missed anyone, would you please contact the church office to be put on the mailing list. New Deacons and Stewards are needed to continue the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program. There are eleven areas to be covered as well as the homebound. This service includes making phone calls, sending cards, and helping a neighbor when needed. Many thanks to those Stewards who are helping make calls, etc.**

**We will again be selling poinsettias this year. The next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday for a Deacon's noisy offering is October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**The church Elder and Deacon nominating committee will be reaching out to everyone to fill vacancies on these boards in the next few months. Please consider serving where needed. There will only be 3 Deacons returning for next year. It is extremely hard to serve the church with only a few Deacons. If you have questions concerning the duties of a Deacon, please call Kathy McDaniel, 303-919-2177.**

### **Finance Update**

	<b>August 201</b>		<b>Year to Date 2021</b>	
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$28,132.66	\$29,385.00	\$ 286,603.16	\$ 277,455.00
<b>Expenses</b>	\$36,586.71	\$40,030.51	\$ 281,213.91	\$ 288,910.39
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	(\$8,454.05)	(\$10,645.51)	\$ 5,389.25	\$ (11,455.39)
<b>Business Interruption Credit</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 71,511.73	\$ 9,728.00
<b>Net Surplus</b>	(\$8,454.05)	(\$10,645.51)	\$ 76,900.98	\$ (1,727.39)

Expenses exceeded income for August generating a deficit for the month and reducing the surplus for the year. Through August the church has a surplus of \$5389.25. We are excited to have Cody back in action. His leadership was missed during his sabbatical.

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

Need  
you

HELP! HELP! HELP!! We need more members to be on our mission committee. We meet the second Friday of the month at 10:30. If attending meetings doesn't interest you, how about just being on the committee as a project helper. Please help us do God's work here and around the world. Contact Cheryl Baughman if you are interested.

This month, we sent money to help with Hurricane Ida. We supplied grab and go bags and supported Pastor Carol. We also sent money to one of our members, John Altemus, to support his mission work. The peach sale was a big success. Approximately 6 churches participated and \$8,000 was donated to Zimbabwe Kids. Thank you for your support!!



On Sunday we welcomed Gilbert Kubwimana from Love With Actions in Rwanda. LWA is a Rwandan organization that was started several years ago by Gilbert to be a place where parents could bring children born with physical and developmental disabilities for assistance and support versus the current view in Rwanda of being ashamed

and shunned by society. The mission statement is "to illuminate the boundaries and misconceptions which limit children with disabilities through advocacy, education, training and empowering their families to be strong leaders in Rwanda which loves all children as equals". He showed a video and spoke during the Sunday school session and then spoke during the service. He brought some product



that his mothers had made and we sold \$400 worth for them. We have been making donations each year to LWA from the mission budget. We are thankful to God for all that he does for these families.



### Staff Directory

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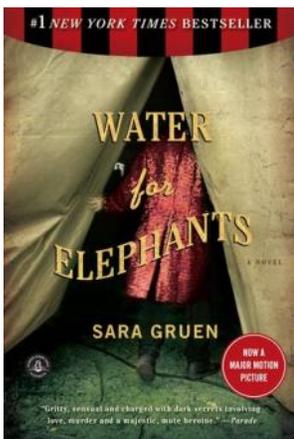
I want to thank the Peacemakers for the beautiful quilts made for the families of Officer Eric Talley and Officer Gordon Beesley. Packing the quilts with the beautiful letters from our church family, filled my heart. I am so blessed to be a part of this awesome “family” at First Pres. I have to share that when I called the Arvada Police to let them know the quilt for the widow of Gordon Beesely was coming to them to give to her, the dispatcher almost cried. She said, “You all don’t know us, but we are so thankful for your prayers and caring for our family of officers here.” We might be small, but we are mighty in caring and loving with our huge hearts! Bless you all and thank each of you for your making these quilts such special blessings to the families!

Dee Getzinger

I would like to thank my friends at First Pres for all their cards and notes of encouragement. I have read each one over and over and thought of each of you, as we have worked together over the years. You have been an inspiration. What a blessing to have you in my life. I look forward to seeing you soon. Prayers for peace in the world and for our church family that has given us so much over the years. Adonna Hipple

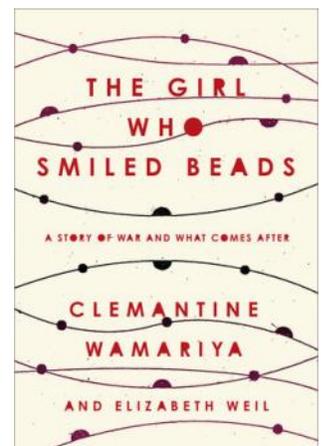
## FPCL Afternoon Book Club

You are invited to join the afternoon book club that meets at **1:00pm** on the 2nd **Thursday** of each month at church. We are a small group that reads a variety of books for fun and to learn. We enjoy talking about the books which leads to discussions about all kinds of things. Differing opinions on the books are expected! Our love of reading brings us together and the connections we have formed keep us looking forward to our meeting each month. Come join us!



Here’s what we are reading and discussing in the next months:

- ⇒ October 14: “Water for Elephants” by Sara Gruen (Fiction)
- ⇒ November 11: “The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After” by Clemantine Wamariya (Memoir/ Non-fiction)



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FPCL's TROOP 444 SCOUTING EVENT

**"THE HAUNTS OF LITTLETON", A CELEBRATION OF LITTLETON  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 23, 29, & 30 STARTS AT 8:00 P.M.**

Tours run every 20 minutes Adults \$15 - Kids 12 & under \$5



Please support Troop 444's parents and the sixty boy and girl scouts in their largest fund raiser of the year in the costume of earlier days set on the actual location to take you back in history of beginnings. Fascinating walking tours to acquaint us with the people who contributed to the initiation of the community which we know today! Get your tickets online at [hauntsoflittleton.com](http://hauntsoflittleton.com) website. We start at the light rail parking lot. See you there, Thank you for your wonderful support. Jim Grow, FPCL Charter Organization Representative



**Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that  
doesn't take much time yet offers meaningful  
support to our Church?**

Then joining the Columbarium Committee is perfect for you! This committee only has two brief meetings a year! We send cards to families twice a year, decorate the Columbarium at Christmas and have a few more little projects.

You don't have to do it all! You may have a calling for helping grieving families, arranging flowers or behind the scenes record keeping.

What a wonderful way to support our Church family.



## Thanksgiving News!

The kids are back in school, autumn is nearly upon us, and it's already time to start thinking about Thanksgiving! I'm delighted to report that our chef Daniel Kurtz is on board to cook vast quantities of delicious food, and Meals on Wheels has generously agreed to let us use their amazing kitchen again this year. We will again be doing delivery meals only, and I will be looking for LOTS of help.

We will again ask for cash donations this year instead of food, in the interest of simplicity. Most importantly, I would love to find someone to shadow me this year so that next year, when my husband retires and we move to our home in Grand Lake this ministry can continue. It is not difficult at all, we have plenty of resources, and I feel certain that we can keep this program going with just a bit of help from a few willing folks. Last year we delivered meals to just over 300 very grateful people, and I look forward to doing it again this year.

Please call me at (303) 345 or email me at [staceyryan123@gmail.com](mailto:staceyryan123@gmail.com). with any questions or offers of help. Thanks in advance, the outpouring of support from FPCL to our community has been amazing, and is equally matched by the gratitude from the folks on the receiving end of our generosity.



Blessings,  
Stacey Ryan

### **Prayer List**

Jon Heggie	Gloria Pool	Jim Biner	Joyce Lei	Joyce Fuller
Rollie Fuller	Kent Griffith	Jean Wilbur	Joy Carreño	Lonna Williams
William Hults	Joanie Coffey	Joan Cook		

### **In Service to Our Country**

Major Ricky Casburn; Capt. Connor Venrick, Hawaii; Brett Wilson; Sgt. Benjamin Lund, Jordan; Bobby Johannsen; Connor McDaniel, Army; LCDR. Per Rychecky, USS Harry S. Truman; Donnie Donahue, Marines; Nathaniel Syron; Cpl. Isaiah Boehm, Ft. Carson CO; Jeremy Colwell; C2C Cameryn McKinnell, USAFA; MAJ Wm McKinnell USAF Pentagon

### **Missions**

Jory & Mallory Bayne, Metro Denver, Presbytery of Zimbabwe, Cross Cultural Community, South Asia Mission, Jeffco Action Center, Highline Place, Love, INC

## ***A Minute for Stewardship—Fall Pledge Drive 2021***

***For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Matthew 6:21***

FPCL family and friends,

The Stewardship team will be kicking off the 2021 Pledge Drive in October to start celebrating the gifts we have received this past year and ask for your pledge of financial support in 2022. We are looking forward to once again being able to celebrate Stewardship Sunday in-person on Sunday, November 14.

In the next few weeks, church members and regular participants in FPCL's ministry will receive a letter with information on our church's progress in 2021 and plans for growth in 2022. We have been blessed in 2021 by your generous gifts in all three Stewardship areas: time, talent, and treasure. Despite the continued challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic we have begun to reunite and reenergize our fellowship and programs, and through your support we'll continue to grow in the coming year. Session is prayerfully considering our church's priorities and goals for 2022 and we look forward to sharing those with you soon.

Please consider a pledge of financial support for 2022 to the FPCL Operating Budget and the PCUSA Per Capita assessment to help our church carry out its vital ministry. Joan Lund, our Financial Secretary, will be mailing out letters and pledge cards in early October that can be filled out and mailed back to the church. In addition, we will provide information on how you can e-mail Joan directly to make a pledge. And watch in this column and throughout the church for more information on our celebration plans for Stewardship Sunday.

Thank you for your love and support of our church as we work to spread the grace and Good News of our savior Jesus Christ!

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*And may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow with love  
for one another and for everyone, just as we do for you.*

*1 Thessalonians 3:12*

**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9am to 2pm,  
Wednesday 1 to 4pm,  
Closed Friday and Saturday**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

- ♦ Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am
- ♦ Sunday Worship at 10:00 am
- ♦ **FIRST WORD NEWSLETTER: The DEADLINE for the November Newsletter is Friday, October 15.**